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THREE CENTS

## Dr. Park's New Book

Northfield people, and this term includes not only past and present students and faculties of the Northfield Schools but townspeople as well, are a most discriminating group of "sermon tasters." They should be, for at school chapel services and the summer conferences they have heard most of the great English-speaking preachers of the past 68 years.

Therefore it must have afforded a large measure of satisfaction to Dr. William E. Park, Northfield's president, to know that his first book of sermons "Narrow Is The Way" was enthusiastically received by this group as well as by the reading public generally when it was published in 1946.

By the same token it will be good news to Northfield people to learn that a companion volume, "The Quest for Inner Peace" has just come off the press.

Like its predecessors this book contains a group of sermons preached at schools and colleges throughout the country. Many of them were used first at the Northfield Schools and then revised as a result of the reaction of the student audience here.

Some of them were also delivered to adult congregations and the response has convinced Dr. Park that all sermons should be written for young people. In the foreword he says, "Since the Christian religion was founded by a young man who died at the age of thirty-three, its spirit is youthful, and its messages should be too."

Dr. Park's message is youthful in the sense that it is fresh, imaginative, and sparkling with fine humor. But however light his touch, Dr. Park's wisdom and maturity are apparent in the masterly handling of the wide range of human and spiritual problems he discusses.

The title sermon, "The Quest for Inner Peace," is, in the reviewer's opinion, one of the really great sermons of our times. In the short space of ten pages it encompasses the entire field of human behaviour and indicates the Christian path to the kind of peace Paul referred to when he said, it "passeth all understanding." This sermon should be required reading for all who are troubled by the failure of this postwar world of ours to live up to the glowing promises made for it.

The twenty other sermons are headed by such titles as "The Century of the Uncommon Man," "Using Our Religion," "Using Our Failures," and "Wise Choices." Each is an adventure in good reading. Published by Macmillan. F.W.P.

## Church Brotherhoods

The spring meeting of the Franklin County Brotherhoods and Men's Clubs will be held Monday evening, April 28, in the Congregational Church at Orange. Rev. Franklin D. Loehr, pastor of the Florence Congregational Church, will be the speaker and he has chosen for his topic, "Our Congressman." The dinner will be served at 6:30 and reservations must be made with Leland M. Cairns of Greenfield. The local Brotherhood of the Congregational Church and the Men's Fellowship of the South Vernon Church is expected to have a large delegation in attendance.

The freak storm of Saturday night and Sunday, April 20, with the thermometer below freezing covered the ground with several inches of snow. The trees presented a picture of fairy land and the landscape everywhere was entirely white. Traffic moved cautiously with the slippery snow. Visitors who came here to enjoy the spring days found themselves back in a winter atmosphere.

## At Northfield Schools

A conference on types of world organizations, under the auspices of the campus government association and church cabinet, was held on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls last week-end. Representatives of Abbott Academy, Ethel Walker School, George School, Mary Burnham School, The Masters School, Northampton School for Girls, Oxford School, Stoneleigh - Prospect Hill, and the Brattleboro, Greenfield and Northfield High Schools attended sessions on Saturday afternoon and evening. Speakers were Judge Dorothy Kenyon, U. S. Representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, Miss Eleanor Davis, head of the Northfield history department, Mr. John C. Holt II of the staff of the World Federalists, U.S.A., and Mr. Stephen Minot of the staff of Student Federalists.

Speakers at the Sunday services at the Schools were Dr. Ernest M. Ligon of the Department of Psychology at Union College, Schenectady, who spoke in Sage Chapel, and Dr. William E. Park, who conducted the morning worship service in Mount Hermon Memorial Chapel.

On Sunday morning, April 27, guest speaker at Mount Hermon will be Dr. Paul D. Moody of Cuttingsville, Vt., who will preach in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 a. m., and the Reverend Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr., speaker at the morning service in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 o'clock.

Dr. William E. Park will be guest preacher at Deerfield Academy this Sunday evening at vespers.

## Wins Loving Tribute

Mrs. Erma Poole Gallagher of Billings, Montana, has been recently chosen as Montana mother by the Golden Rule Foundation and so announced by its officials. She is the 1947 selection and thus wins a high honor. The citation is the first awarded in that state and Mrs. Gallagher will be recalled by many in Northfield as the mother of Melvin L. Gallagher, former director of music in the Northfield Schools, and who is now minister of music in the Christian Church of Kansas City, Kan., and director of music in other organizations.

Mrs. Gallagher spent a couple of years as a supervisor in a dormitory of the School for Girls. Besides Melvin Gallagher other sons of Mrs. Gallagher are Dr. B. O. Gallagher of the Berkeley Pacific School of Religion; Vernon D. Gallagher of New York, personnel director with the Bell Telephone and M. O. Gallagher, superintendent of schools of Billings. A daughter died in China several years ago when engaged in missionary work.

Mrs. Gallagher's husband was a minister, former college president, a writer and a lecturer. He died in 1932.

The high honor conferred was due to the splendid endorsement given to Mrs. Gallagher by ministers and churches, women's organizations and schools for her loyalty and unselfish efforts in behalf of others. When Mrs. Gallagher was informed of her selection, she said, "I am happy and proud of the honor, but in reality I accept it as proxy for my five children whose achievements won it for me."

## Town Topics

A large truck load of brush on its way to the dump took fire on the state highway in East Northfield last Saturday and created quite a spectacle. The fire department was called but the brush was unloaded before its arrival. No serious damage resulted to the truck.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Booth are now pleasantly located at Littleton, Mass., with mail address Box 91. They have a pleasant home but pushing hard with their work of the Youth Hostel.

## Bartus-Berry

Miss Doris Mary Berry, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Berry of Greenfield, and Joseph John Bartus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bartus of Northfield Farms, were married Saturday morning, April 19, in the Holy Trinity Church of Greenfield by Rev. Thomas E. Lynes officiating in a double ring service.

Miss Barbara Fraser was maid of honor and Miss Lena Berry was bridesmaid. Peter Bartus was best man and Clinton Berry was usher. The bride wore a period gown of slipper satin, with fitted bodice and high neckline. Her skirt was full with long train and her fingertip veil hung from a tiara of seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of calla lilies. The maid of honor wore a pale orchid marquisette gown with shirred bodice and sweetheart neckline. She carried yellow roses. The bridesmaid wore a pale yellow marquisette gown, shirred bodice and she carried yellow roses.

After the wedding a reception was held at the Montague Inn attended by many friends and the couple left for an unannounced wedding trip. Upon their return they will reside in Northfield. The bride is a graduate of the Greenfield High School and the bridegroom attended the Northfield schools.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Darby, formerly of this town, are now residents of New London, Conn., having been transferred from Brattleboro where they have been located for a few years past.

## John E. Wall Dies

After a long illness, John E. Wall, a native of this town, died in St. Joseph's Hospital in Nashua, N. H., on Saturday, April 19, at the age of 65 years. He was a son of the late James E. and Nellie Dale Wall and was born in Northfield March 7, 1882. He attended the local schools and Mount Hermon School and then graduated from the Springfield Business College. He entered the employ of the Boston and Maine railroad and served in Greenfield, Gardner and Nashua as agent before becoming supervisor of freight, a position which he held for many years, and until his retirement. The old home of the family on Main Street in this town was only recently sold.

He leaves his widow, the former Lucy Campbell of Northfield; two daughters, Mrs. Walter Blazer and Mrs. Richard Collette; and a son, James C. Wall, all of Cambridge; also three grandchildren.

The funeral services were held here in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday morning and burial was in the family plot of St. Mary's Cemetery.

## Improvements At Hotel

Abe Jacobson, owner of the Lake Spofford Hotel, has just returned from spending the winter in Florida and arranging for many improvements at the hotel which he says will be visited this summer by a large number of people. Reservations exceed those of previous years.

## Popular Resort Sold

The Weatherhead farm at Millers Falls, which has been in the Weatherhead family for more than a hundred years and operated for the past ten years by Mrs. Bertha Weatherhead as a tourist resort, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Semb of New York who plan to continue the business and make many improvements. Beside the home where meals were served and banquets held there is a refreshment stand and about ten tourist cabins, some with a fireplace and modern conveniences. The place was popular with Northfield folk and with our summer residents. The new owner is a successful New York business and with his wife and two children will make their home on the premises.

## Arrange For Swansey

For the first time since the war definite arrangements are being made here for buses to run to Swansey, N. H., for the annual revival of Denman-Thompson's old-time play, "The Old Homestead" which will be held July 4, 5 and 6 in the Potash Bowl at the time of the full moon. The large amphitheater will seat nearly 5000 people but reservations for reserved seats must be in advance. Many of the costumes, props and scenery will be from the original productions and the town's folk will again assume the various characters and parts.

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#### Town Topics

The wedding of Herbert Leroy Bayles and Miss Ruth Evelyn Spaulding will take place in the South Vernon Church Wednesday evening, April 30, at 8 o'clock.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Lyman of this town at the Franklin County Hospital on Sunday, April 20. Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lanphear of East Northfield and of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lyman of Greenfield.

The Women's Guild of the Congregational Church will serve a public supper in the vestry, the evening of Thursday, May 15. After the supper a movie in color will be shown entitled "America the Beautiful."

The local WCTU held its regular session on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Maynard on Birnam Road. There was a good attendance of members who heard a brief talk by Rev. Ernest C. Partridge.

The Friendly Class of the Congregational Church held an annual birthday party at the home of Mrs. Roy Barrows last Monday evening. Members displayed photographs of themselves taken in childhood and around them centered many interesting stories.

The last Community Concert for the season will be held in Brattleboro on Sunday afternoon, April 27, in the Latchis Theater at 3 o'clock when the St. Louis Symphonietta will play. Northfield folks who hold tickets should not forget to use them.

Remember spare stamp No. 11 is now valid for ten pounds of sugar. There will be no extra sugar allowed for canning.

The local Grange held a supper meeting last Tuesday evening at Grange Hall with a large number attending. The supper was served at 7 by the committee of Mrs. Emma Pietz, Mrs. Bertha Rikert and Mrs. Alice Holloway. At the business session the third and fourth degree was given to several members.

Earl Lilly of West Northfield who is employed by the Boston and Maine Railroad has been enjoying a week's vacation at his home.

#### Town Topics

Robert Kuhn of South Vernon has retired as a teacher of fine arts in New York. He has sold his home in Richmond Hill, N. Y., and with his family will reside at his home on the Stebbins farm. He will be able to give assistance to his son, Robert S. Kuhn, who has undertaken the antique business and beside his collecting has opened a store on Canal Street in Brattleboro.

George H. Sheldon, who is distributor for one of the best deep freeze units, has received more orders than there are units available. He has recently received an order for thirty units to be delivered over a period of three years. He has just made a delivery of one of them to a home in East Northfield.

The town of Rowe tax rate has increased \$9 over last year and is \$42 this year according to an announcement of its assessors.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. K. W. McMahon of South Hadley in the Cooley-Dickinson Hospital at Northampton on Monday, April 21. Mr. and Mrs. McMahon were residents of East Northfield last summer but removed to South Hadley in the fall to teach at Mount Holyoke College. They are remembered by many friends here.

The annual business meeting and supper of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Northfield Farms will be held Wednesday, May 7. The regular meeting at the library Wednesday, April 30, will make plans for the same.

Mrs. Charles H. Webster has returned home from a several weeks' visit with her daughter, Miss Bernice Webster, at Croton Falls, N. Y.

Miss Nellie Nye of Main Street has returned to her home after spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Fla.

This week marks National Health Week and the local Health Council reminds our citizens, that in case of need at times of illness there is available through the town nurse many useful articles required for use in a sickroom or by suffering patients. Call the town nurse for information.

#### To Make Visit Here

The ninth grade of the Bentley High School of New York City consisting of twenty pupils and three members of the faculty are arranging to spend a week in Northfield to study the historical story of the founding of the town, to learn regarding its government and visit its places of interest. They will visit the Northfield School for Girls and Mount Hermon School. While here they will be quartered at the Youth Hostel and will have a dinner meeting at the Northfield Hotel.

The class will be welcomed here by the editor of The Press, George McEwan as moderator will tell them about our government and arrange for the visit to the schools. Joseph R. Colton, curator of the Historical Society Museum, will conduct them through the museum and Chester Parker, principal of the local high school, will help in their visits. They will arrive on Saturday, May 3rd, to remain a week, before returning to New York.

#### Town Topics

Rev. Hazel R. Gredler has received word that her sons, Charles at Cornell University and Gilbert at the University of New Hampshire, are both on the honor rolls as students at their schools.

With the coming of May many arrivals will be noted among our summer residents especially on Rustic Ridge. Also many of our own citizens will be returning from their winter excursion into the Southlands.

The property of Spurgeon Gage on the Winchester Road will soon be offered for sale and consists of the house and about two and a half acres of land. Anyone interested in the location should contact Mr. Hoehn phone 536 for information.

In the Boston and Maine R. R. Bulletin for April is an interesting photo of E. S. Krause of this town and his assistant in the maintenance of signals seated on their patrol truck.

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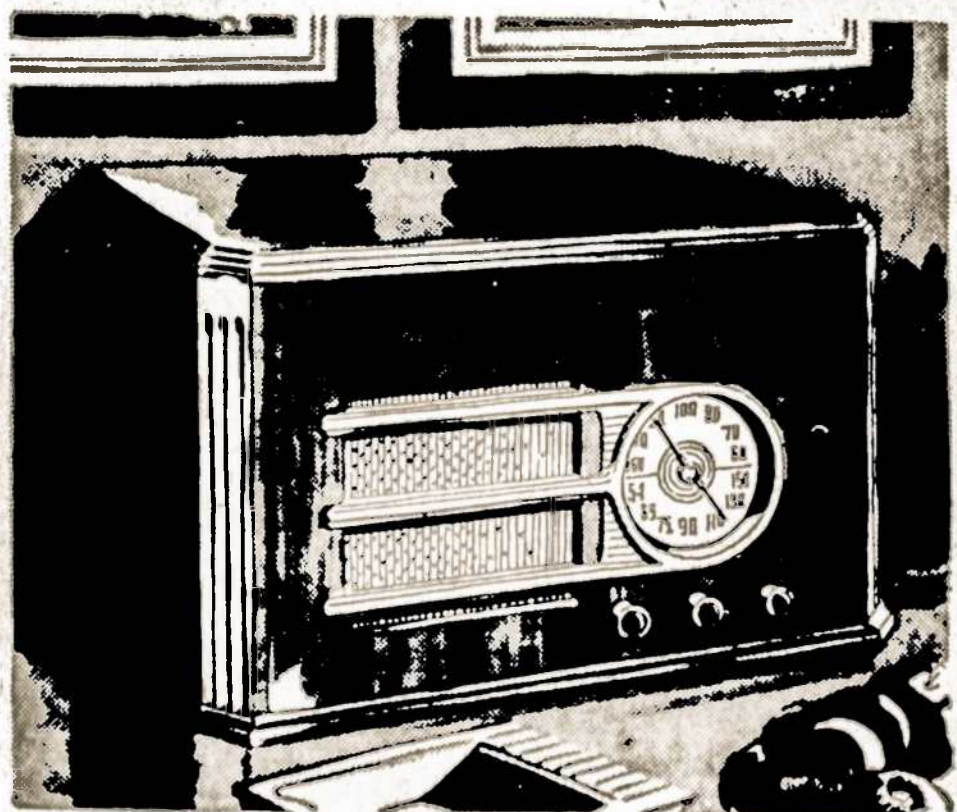
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#### Locate Hermon Student

The missing Mount Hermon student, who left his home in Newton instead of returning to his studies, has been located. He was found with a pal from Culver Academy at the

#### Game Club Banquet

The Northfield Fish and Game Association will hold its annual banquet and dance on Tuesday evening, April 29, in the Town Hall. The "Rambler" from Greenfield will furnish the music for the dance from 8 o'clock to midnight. The supper committee consists of James Dresser, Robert Abbott, Clifford Bolton and Clarence Spaulding and they will be glad to receive reservations for tickets, preference being given to members of the organization. There will be many door awards and prizes as usual.

Chicago YMCA. The two boys had set out to see the world with \$22 between them. Their search was given much publicity and amply rewarded. Parents of the boys have returned them to their homes and they will be sadder and wiser for the experience.

#### Had 61 Blood Donors

Mrs. Joseph Reeves and her corps of efficient women from the local Health Council deserve the congratulations showered upon them for the successful conclusion of the Blood Donors event held last Friday in the vestry of the Congregational Church. Mrs. Sinclair Sutherland had charge of the appointments and they numbered 75 persons. There were 36 men and 37 women and 61 were blood donors giving some 61 pints of blood. Mrs. Frank Montague had charge of the refreshments which were served to all by the Red Cross canteen. The event was under the supervision of the stat Department of Public Health. Thanks are due to all who aided.

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## Town Topics

Mrs. Eliza E. Symonds, who has spent the winter with her daughter and husband in Worcester, has returned to her home on Glenwood Ave.

Tree Day will be fittingly observed with the usual exercises at the School for Girls on Saturday, May 10.

The Misses Naomi Markley and Isabel Warden of New York City have purchased the cottage of Miss Kinsman on Pine Road, Rustic Ridge, and will occupy this summer.

The New Jersey Hermon Club held their fifth annual dinner at West Orange on Thursday evening, April 17, when Dr. Howard Rubendall was the guest speaker and Lester P. White of the Alumni Association showed a movie of Mount Hermon School activities.

David E. Gredler, son of Mrs. Hazel Rogers Gredler of Birnam Road, who is studying at Wesleyan University and is a sophomore, has been named to the honor roll.

The Massachusetts Congregational Conference will hold its annual meeting and sessions in Boston May 13 and 14. The Laymen's Council connected with the conference will meet May 12. Delegates will attend from the local church.

Malcolm Park of this town has purchased the former Katherine F. Grady property on Birnam Road from Edith E. Swarthout, the executor of the estate.

## Town Topics

Frank Wood of the Farms recently observed his 88th birthday and was the recipient of many cards, gifts and greetings from neighbors and friends.

Our local postmasters through their office are privileged to receive contributions to the Cancer Campaign. Contributions must be enclosed in a stamp envelope addressed to "Cancer" and they will be turned over to the American Cancer Society through George McEwan, the local representative.

Governor McConaughty of Connecticut recently uttered an economic truth which applies not only in his own state but to others also. He said that "all state employees were working for the people and were not coasting on an annuity." The saying might equally apply to all town employees.

Rev. Charles M. Ackerman of Haverstraw, N. Y., has sold his summer cottage on West Lane, Rustic Ridge, to Miss Ruth Brown of Bridgeport, Conn., who will occupy this season. Mr. Ackerman and his family have been summer residents here for many years.

This Friday, April 25, is Arbor and Bird Day by official proclamation and so we might well give a thought to our young trees and feathered tribe.

The Acme Print, which has been considering Northfield as a location for its plant for the past few months, has decided to locate elsewhere in Connecticut. They reported their decision made after investigation that there is no available help, no suitable building, no encouragement to industry. The action is to be regretted.

The Jordan Motor Sales has resumed activity to finish its sales room and garage on Main Street in East Northfield and get it ready for use. The inside is being given the final finish and paint and new pumps will be installed. The grading has been temporarily delayed owing to the recent storm. However, the public opening is not far away.

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